

COUNCIL COMING ATTRACTIONS



Week of July 20, 2020

Covid-19 Public Health Update, Public Campaign Financing, Police Accountability, Police Use of Force, Interagency Commission on Homelessness, Energy and Air Quality Advisory Committee, Enhanced Covid-19 Testing Strategy, Mobile Crisis Response, Resolution Calling to Change State Song, Short-Term Assistance to Distressed Common Ownership Communities, Charter Amendments, Culturally Competent Health Resources, Hotline for Residents in Crisis

Council Coming Attractions is a summary of some of the issues before the Council. All Council staff reports and additional information on each item scheduled for Council or Committee review can be viewed at: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/ondemand/index.html>

The Council meeting schedule may change from time to time. The current Council and Committee agendas can also be viewed at:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/ondemand/index.html>

The Council will hold a virtual meeting on Tuesday, June 21 at 9:30 a.m.

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Executive Regulation 9-20T, Public Health Emergency Business Assistance Program

The Council is scheduled to introduce and vote on Executive Regulation 9-20T. The County Executive submitted temporary regulations to implement the Public Health Emergency Grant Program on April 15. The regulation expired on July 15, and the County Executive has requested a one-time extension to the temporary regulation on July 14. The Council must approve the extension for the temporary regulation to remain effective. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_2C.pdf

Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) Report 2020-9, Local Policing Data and Best Practices

The Council will receive OLO Report 2020-9, Local Policing Data and Best Practices. The Council asked OLO to describe Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) datasets. The report describes MCPD datasets concerning their interactions with the public (policing data), their alignment to best practices and disparities by race and ethnicity on select measures. The report also offers recommendations for Council and MCPD action. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_2D.pdf

OLO Covid-19 Recovery Outlook papers: Retail Sector, Disparities in Telework by Race and Ethnicity, Child Care

The Council will receive and release three OLO papers about the County's economic recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic, which focus on the retail sector, disparities in telework by race and ethnicity and child care. During the past week, Councilmembers received the seventh, eighth and ninth papers in OLO's Covid-19 Recovery series. This series aims to analyze the County's Covid-19 recovery efforts in alignment with the County's Economic Development Platform. The purpose of this agenda item is for the Council to approve release of these papers to the public. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_2E.pdf

Resolution to Support the Renaming of the Washington Football Team

The Council will vote on a resolution to support the renaming of the Washington football team so it reflects and respects everyone. The team's current name is a dictionary-defined racial slur, and the team is currently in the process of choosing a new name. This resolution, which was initiated by Council President Sidney Katz, is sponsored by the full Council. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_2F.pdf

Resolution in Support of Indigenous People's Day

Councilmember Nancy Navarro will introduce a resolution in support of Indigenous People's Day to celebrate and honor Native American peoples and commemorate their histories and cultures. This holiday is celebrated across the U.S. on the second Monday in October and is an official city and state holiday in various jurisdictions. The resolution calls for the Council and County government to recognize the second Monday in October as Indigenous People's Day, starting on Oct. 12, 2020, and directs that all official calendars be updated. Moreover, it calls on the Maryland General Assembly to recognize Indigenous People's Day as an official state holiday. In addition, the resolution urges Montgomery County Public Schools to undergo a review of its curriculum to better incorporate the histories, narratives and cultures of the country's Native peoples.

Resolution to Approve the FY21 Schedule of Revenue Estimates and Appropriations

The Council will introduce a resolution to approve the Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) schedule of revenue estimates and appropriations. On May 19, the Council appropriated funds for the FY21 Operating and Capital Budgets for the County Government, the Montgomery County Public School system, Montgomery College, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. As required by County and State law, the Council must fund these appropriations. On May 19, the Council set the property tax rates for FY21. The Council has examined all sources of revenue, including local taxes, to identify those sources from which receipts are restricted as to use so that the Council may allocate those revenues that are not restricted to respond best to the needs of County residents. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_2G.pdf

Special Appropriation to the County Government's FY21 Operating Budget, Department of Health and Human Services - \$592,202 for Mobile Crisis Response

The Council is scheduled to vote on a special appropriation of \$592,202 to the FY21 operating budget of the County's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to expand mobile crisis response services. DHHS operates the Crisis Center and staffs one Mobile Crisis Team, which is based in Rockville. The Mobile Crisis Team is a two-person team that responds to calls made directly to the Crisis Center and when the police request their assistance as a part of a police response. Currently, the Mobile Crisis Team can only respond to one call at any time. While work on scaling up this response model is underway, the need has been identified for additional licensed social workers in DHHS to lead additional Mobile Crisis Teams. This special appropriation would fund three social worker positions, so that the hiring process may begin to expand these response teams. The funding includes bi-lingual pay and it is critical that these positions include those who can serve residents for whom English is not their primary language. The full Council is sponsoring this appropriation. The Public Safety (PS) and Health and Human Services (HHS) Committees recommend approval with amendments. The recommended amendments can be found on pages one and two of the Council staff report, which can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_2H.pdf

Special Appropriation to the County Government's FY 21 Operating Budget, Department of Health and Human Services - \$371,761 for Support Payment to Organizations Directly Serving Developmentally Disabled Persons

The Council is scheduled to vote on a special appropriation of \$371,761 to the County's Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) FY21 operating budget for support payments to organizations serving developmentally disabled persons. As a part of its approval of the FY21 operating budget for the Montgomery County government, the Council appropriated \$17.6 million to provide support payments to eligible organizations that provide direct services to people with developmental disabilities, including residential, community supported living arrangements, day habilitation or supportive employment. This amount was not adjusted for six new eligible organizations. The estimate for a continuity of services budget that accounts for these new organizations requires \$371,761 in additional funding. Councilmembers Gabe Albornoz, Evan Glass and Craig Rice are the lead sponsors. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_2I.pdf

Special Appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget Montgomery County Government COVID-19 Human Services and Community Assistance NDA Assistance to Community Clinics, Medical and Dental Practices \$3,000,000

The Council is scheduled to vote on a special appropriation to the Human Services and Community Assistance NDA's FY21 operating budget of \$3 million for assistance to community clinics and primary care medical and dental practices that serve County residents. The Covid-19 health emergency required medical and dental practices, including community clinics, to stop non-emergency, in-person visits which has put a financial strain on many providers. In addition, many providers have incurred additional expenses associated with transitioning to telemedicine and to acquire personal protective equipment. The full Council is the sponsoring this appropriation. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_2J.pdf

Resolution to Amend Resolution 19-472, Section G, FY21 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Award Status: Maryland Technology Council \$250,000

The Council is scheduled to vote on a resolution to amend Resolution 19-472, which provided \$250,000 in funding to support the Maryland Technology Council's (MTC) creation of a Business Continuity Task Force. This funding supports staff salary, outreach and administrative costs for the program in the County. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_2K.pdf

Special Appropriation to the County Government's FY21 Operating Budget, Conference and Visitors Bureau Non-Departmental Account, Support for Covid-19 Response—Hospitality and Tourism Support, \$200,000

The Council will introduce a special appropriation of \$200,000 to the FY21 operating budget for the Conference and Visitors Bureau Non-Departmental Account (NDA). This funding will allow Visit Montgomery to market the County to encourage local spending by residents in businesses throughout the County and attract regional and leisure travelers within three driving hours during October to December 2020. A public hearing and vote is scheduled for July 28 at 1:30 p.m. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_2P.pdf

Approval of a Certain Refunding Plan of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) for the Issuance of Refunding Bonds

The Council is scheduled to vote on a WSSC debt refunding plan. Maryland state law requires that WSSC get advance approval from both Montgomery County and Prince George's County for future bond refunding. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_2Q.pdf

Special Appropriation for the County Government's FY21 Operating Budget, Community Engagement Cluster, Office of Community Partnerships (OCP), \$296,436 for 2020 Census Grant Program

The Council will introduce a special appropriation of \$296,436 to the FY21 operating budget of the Office of Community Partnerships (OCP) – Community Engagement Cluster. OCP was awarded funds through the Maryland State 2020 Census Grant Program to implement 2020 Census activities through June 30, 2020 to create a Census Grant Program housed under the care of the Montgomery County affiliate of the Greater Washington Community Foundation. The Census Grant Program will be utilized to continue implementing “Everyone Counts in Montgomery County,” a countywide education and outreach strategy in partnership with nonprofit organizations and stakeholders to ensure that everyone is counted, with a special focus on “hard-to-count communities.” A public hearing and Council vote is scheduled for July 28 at 1:30 p.m. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_2R.pdf

Resolution in Support of Mailing Ballots to Voters for the 2020 General Election

The Council will introduce a resolution calling on Governor Hogan to require that ballots be mailed to each registered voter in Maryland along with a postage prepaid envelope. Also the Council is requesting that touch-free drop boxes be available for voters to submit their completed ballots. Moreover, the Council calls on Governor Hogan to defer to each local Board of Elections to recommend, in consultation with the County health officer, an appropriate number of early voting sites and polling places for the 2020 General Election. The full Council is sponsoring this resolution. The Council staff report will be available on July 20.

Extension of Time for Council Action on the Germantown Plan for the Town Sector Zone & Vote on the Plan

The Council is scheduled to vote on a resolution to extend the period of time for Council action on the [Germantown Plan for the Town Sector Zone](#). The purpose of this master plan is to replace the existing Town Sector zoning with current zoning classifications for the Churchill Village community in Germantown. The master plan recommends appropriate zoning and ways of protecting the community's open space and recreation areas, while maintaining the predominantly residential character of Churchill

Village. The plan recommends new zones related to three goals developed during the community process: maintain the residential core, protect open space and recreation areas and support neighborhood-serving commercial uses. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_3A.pdf

Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 19-08 Bicycle Parking - Requirements and Design Standards

The Council is scheduled to vote on ZTA 19-08, which will amend bicycle parking requirements and bicycle parking design standards. It would expand the universe of development required to provide bicycle parking facilities by requiring that more developments provide parking facilities. It would add defined terms and provisions concerning location and security requirements for repair stations and electric bicycles. In Nov. 2018, the Council approved the Bicycle Master Plan, which envisions that Montgomery County will be a world-class bicycling community. Under the plan, all areas of the County will have access to a comfortable, safe and connected bicycle network. This ZTA will implement one aspect of the 2018 Bicycle Master Plan by augmenting the bicycle parking requirement in the Zoning Ordinance. The Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee recommends approval with amendments. The amendments can be found on page three of the Council staff report, which can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_3B.pdf

Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19) and County Public Health Planning

The Council will sit as the Board of Health to receive an update on the County's ongoing response to the Covid-19 pandemic and its recovery efforts. Those expected to attend the meeting include the following: Dr. Travis Gayles, county health officer and chief of the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) Public Health Services; Dr. Earl Stoddard, director, Office of Emergency management and Homeland Security; and Dr. Raymond Crowel, director, DHHS, are among those expected to attend. The Council staff report will be available here on July 20:

https://montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_AG.pdf

Special Appropriation for Culturally Competent Health Resources, Covid-19 Testing and Public Education

Councilmember Gabe Albornoz and Councilmember Nancy Navarro are expected to introduce a special appropriation to provide a strategic, culturally competent and community-focused approach to public health to help contain the spread of Covid-19 in the areas of the County hardest hit by the virus. The funding will be used to establish Por Nuestra Salud y Bienestar (For Our Health and Wellbeing), which will provide wrap-around services including Covid-19 testing, health resources and public education targeted to Latino residents in the County. Data provided by Montgomery County's Department of Health and Human Services shows the disproportionately large impact that Covid-19 is having in the Latino community. While Montgomery County has made great strides in flattening the curve of new infections, Covid-19 cases continue to grow among the Latino population. The full Council is committed to providing culturally competent and community-focused health care for underserved communities across Montgomery County. The Council staff report will be available by July 21 [here](#). For additional information go to:

https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=25582&Dept=1

Special Appropriation to the FY21 Operating Budget Montgomery County Government Department of Health and Human Services Behavioral Health and Crisis Prevention Crisis Prevention & Intervention Services-Montgomery County Hotline \$395,000 (Source of Funds: Federal Grant and General Fund Reserves) and Amendment to Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget Resolution 19-472 Section G, FY21 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status: EveryMind

The Council will introduce a special appropriation of \$395,000 to DHHS' Behavioral Health and Crisis Prevention and Intervention Services: Montgomery County Hotline. Councilmembers Andrew Friedson,

Will Jawando and Gabe Alborno are the lead sponsors. Council President Sidney Katz, Councilmember Hans Riemer and Council Vice President Tom Hucker are cosponsors. This special appropriation would support a higher level of service for residents from EveryMind's Montgomery County Hotline which serves community members in crisis. This special appropriation will support the addition of eight full-time specialists to staff the hotline, along with supervisory, managerial and administrative support for these positions through December 2020. The additional positions are needed to address the increased calls due to the COVID-19 emergency and maintain the number of hotline shifts per week and double staffing coverage provided in FY20 because of the public health crisis. In addition, the funding will support the expansion of text services from 8 a.m. to noon through FY21. A public hearing and vote on this appropriation is scheduled for July 28. The Council staff report will be available by July 21 [here](#).

Resolution to Approve Board of Health Regulation Requiring Enhanced Testing Strategy

The Council is scheduled to vote on a resolution to approve a Board of Health Regulation, sponsored by the full Council, requiring an enhanced Covid-19 testing strategy, following a public hearing on the proposed regulation at 1:30 p.m. See page seven of this document for more information. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_4B-9.pdf

Bill 31-20, Public Campaign Financing - Amendments

The Council will introduce Bill 31-20, which would do the following: amend the County public campaign financing system; alter the maximum contribution limits; allow participating candidates to carryover certain funds under certain circumstances; require an audit of the public campaign financing system after the general election in an election cycle; and alter the penalties for willful violations of the public campaign financing system. The goal of this legislation is to improve the County's public campaign financing system. Councilmember Nancy Navarro, Council President Sidney Katz and Councilmember Andrew Friedson are the lead sponsors. A public hearing is scheduled for September 15 at 1:30 p.m. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_12A.pdf

#PublicCampaignFinancing is being used for this bill on social media.

Bill 32-20, Solid Waste (Trash) - Waste Reduction/Source Reduction and Single-Use Straws – Requirements

The Council will introduce Bill 32-20, which would do the following: establish a program for waste reduction/source reduction in Montgomery County; provide criteria for waste reduction initiatives and programs; set forth the method by which the program is established; prohibit the distribution of single-use straws except in certain circumstances; and provide for education relating to straws. Council President Sidney Katz is the lead sponsor, at the request of the County Executive. A public hearing is scheduled for September 15 at 1:30 p.m. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_12B.pdf

#WasteReductionPlan is being used for this bill on social media.

Bill 33-20 - Solid Waste (Trash) - Food Service Products Packaging Materials - Requirements

The Council will introduce Bill 33-20, which would prohibit the use of expanded polystyrene food service products by food services businesses; require the use of compostable or recyclable food service ware by the County, County contractors or lessees, and food service businesses; and prohibit the sale of expanded polystyrene food service products and polystyrene loose fill packaging, among other things. Council

President Sidney Katz is the lead sponsor, at the request of the County Executive. A public hearing is scheduled for September 15 at 1:30 p.m. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_12C.pdf

#FoodPackaging is being used for this bill on social media.

Bill 34-20, Police – Disciplinary Procedures – Police Labor Relations – Duty to Bargain – Amendments

The Council will introduce Bill 34-20, which would amend the disciplinary procedures for County police officers by requiring the use of a traditional hearing board under the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights (LEOBR). The bill also would require two additional voting public members on a hearing board in a case originating from a citizen complaint alleging an excessive use of force and authorize the Chief of Police to issue a final order on employee discipline based on the recommendations of a hearing board. Finally, Bill 34-20 would exclude collective bargaining over the composition of a police hearing board, the right of the chief to make a final decision on discipline and the right of the chief to issue a directive or administrative order implementing an employer right. The goal of this legislation is to increase police officer accountability. Councilmembers Hans Riemer and Craig Rice are the lead sponsors. A public hearing is scheduled for Sept. 15 at 1:30 p.m. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_12D.pdf

#PoliceAccountabilityAct is being used for this bill on social media.

Expedited Bill 27-20, Police - Regulations - Use of Force Policy

The Council is scheduled to vote on Expedited Bill 27-20, which would require the police chief to adopt a use of force policy directive and require the use of force policy to include certain minimum standards, including standards regarding the use of deadly force, the use of carotid and neck restraints, and required intervention by officers when another officer is violating law or policy. Councilmembers Will Jawando, Craig Rice, Nancy Navarro and Gabe Albornoz are the lead sponsors. All other Councilmembers are cosponsors. This legislation is necessary to help to prevent the unnecessary use of force in police enforcement actions and ban certain practices that can contribute towards unnecessary deaths and serious bodily injury. The PS Committee recommends approval with amendments. A summary of the recommended amendments can be found on page one, and full descriptions of the amendments can be found on pages three through twelve of the Council staff report, which can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_13A.pdf

#UseOfForce and #PoliceReform are being used for this bill on social media.

Bill 7-20, Interagency Commission on Homelessness - Membership and Duties

The Council is scheduled to vote on Bill 7-20, which would alter the membership and duties of the Interagency Commission on Homelessness. Councilmembers Evan Glass, Gabe Albornoz and Craig Rice are the lead sponsors. All other Councilmembers are cosponsors. The Interagency Commission on Homelessness (ICH) is a 25-member commission created by the Council in 2014 to coordinate public and private programs to reduce homelessness in the County. The ICH has requested that several modifications and updates be made to its membership and duties. The purpose of these amendments is to improve the governance and effectiveness of the ICH, as well as to clarify the mission of the ICH to “end and prevent” homelessness, as opposed to simply reducing homelessness. Under Bill 7-20, the ICH would remain a 25-member commission, but its composition would change. At the request of the ICH, certain ex officio slots would be replaced with more public representatives, including homeless service providers, healthcare providers, family services providers and affordable housing providers. The HHS Committee recommends

approval with amendments. The recommended amendments can be found on pages two and three of the Council staff report, which can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_13B.pdf

#MoCoCommissionOnHomelessness is being used for this bill on social media.

Bill 26-20, Environmental Sustainability - Energy and Air Quality Advisory Committee - Amendments

The Council is scheduled to vote on Bill 26-20, which would add advising on climate change issues to the duties and responsibilities of the Energy and Air Quality Advisory Committee and change the name to the Climate, Energy, and Air Quality Advisory Committee. Council President Sidney Katz is the lead sponsor, at the request of the County Executive. The goal of this legislation is to address the issue that currently none of the existing boards, committees or commissions within the Office of the County Executive directly advise on climate change issues. The Transportation and Environment (T&E) Committee recommends enactment as introduced. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_13C.pdf

#MoCoEnergyAndAirQuality is being used for this bill on social media.

OLO Report 2020-4: Youth Sports in Montgomery County

The Council will receive a briefing on and discuss [OLO Report 2020-4](#), which reviews national research on youth sports and examines the youth sports landscape in Montgomery County. The report offers three recommended discussion issues for the Council to raise with agency representatives.

1. Access to public athletic facilities: The Council may wish to discuss policies and processes around community use of public athletic facilities to identify ways to support affordable sports programs and encourage free play.
2. Addressing silos in youth sports: The Council may wish to discuss options to promote collaboration and address silos in youth sports provision, such as convening government stakeholders and youth sports providers to encourage partnerships, or organizing a sports fair to help parents learn about sports programs in their communities that are appropriate for their child.
3. Promoting and expanding affordable and recreational youth sports programs: The Council may wish to discuss options for promoting and expanding affordable and recreational youth sports programs in the County, such as offering training for volunteer coaches, developing new partnerships or expanding the public provision of youth sports.

The OLO report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_14.pdf

FY21 Budget Savings Plan

The Council is scheduled to receive an update on the County's FY21 budget savings plan. On July 6, the County Executive transmitted a revised spending plan for fiscal year 2020 which includes changes to the FY21 Operating Budget as well as amendments to the County Government projects in the FY21-26 Capital Improvements Program. The recommended savings plan is expected to save approximately \$33.5 million from the operating budget of County government. In addition, \$27.7 million in savings is expected from cuts to the capital budget. The Council introduced the saving plan on July 7. A public hearing and Council vote is scheduled for July 28. The Council staff report will be available on July 20.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

All public hearings will be held on July 21 at 1:30 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.

Special Appropriation - \$1,500,000 for Conference Center Non-Departmental Account (NDA)

The Council will hold a public hearing on a \$1.5 million special appropriation for the Conference Center's NDA for the FY21 operating budget. The Executive requested this funding to support the operating expenses for the Montgomery County Conference Center in the event that its revenues are insufficient to cover operating expenses in 2020. Council President Sidney Katz is the lead sponsor, at the request of the County Executive. The Council staff report can be found here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_5.pdf

Supplemental Appropriation - MCPS - \$250,000 for Mental Health Program to Support Schools

The Council will conduct a public hearing on a \$250,000 special appropriation to fund mental health supports in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). On June 18, Councilmembers Craig Rice and Gabe Albornoz sent a letter to Superintendent Jack Smith requesting that MCPS examine funding and programmatic options to increase mental health services to students as it works on the 2020 school year recovery plan. The Board of Education requested this appropriation on June 29. As part of its approved fiscal year 2021 budget, MCPS plans to implement a pilot program to provide mental health services to identified students. MCPS is planning a service model in which school-based staff members, including school counselors and psychologists, may refer students who require additional mental health services to a community agency with which MCPS has an established partnership. MCPS anticipates providing these services at no cost to students. The funding from the special appropriation will be used to expand the planned pilot program and double the number of estimated students who will receive services from 270 to 540. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_6.pdf

Expedited Bill 30-20, Administration - Executive Branch - Chief Digital Officer

The Council will hold a public hearing on Bill 30-20, which would transfer the chief digital officer from the Office of the County Executive to the Department of Technology Services. Council President Sidney Katz is the lead sponsor, at the request of the County Executive. The Council staff report can be viewed here. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_7.pdf

#ChiefDigitalOfficer is being used for this bill on social media.

Supplemental Appropriation to the County Government's FY21 Operating Budget, Office of the County Executive - \$550,000 to support a Police audit, Fire and Rescue Service audit, and consulting funds for community engagement support

The Council will hold a public hearing on a special appropriation of \$550,000 to the Office of the County Executive's FY21 operating budget to support audits of the Montgomery County Police Department and the Fire and Rescue Service, as well as funds for community engagement support. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_8.pdf

Resolution to Approve Board of Health Regulation Requiring Enhanced Testing Strategy

The Council will hold a public hearing and is scheduled to vote on a resolution to approve a Board of Health Regulation requiring an enhanced Covid-19 testing strategy. The full Council is sponsoring this regulation, which has the goal of helping stop the spread of Covid-19 through testing and aggressive contact tracing. Among other provisions, the regulation requires the County Executive to first implement enhanced testing

at locations within walking distance of targeted communities experiencing higher transmission or at risk of higher transmission. Montgomery County is working to continue to increase testing levels, ramp up contact tracing efforts and expand the availability of tests to residents. This regulation also represents part of the County's long-term effort to be responsive to residents' questions about testing and provide up-to-date information on testing sites and how to get tested through as many channels as possible. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_4B-9.pdf

Special Appropriation to the County Government's FY21 Operating Budget, COVID-19 Human Services and Community Assistance NDA - \$2,025,000 for Short-Term Assistance to Distressed, Affordable Common Ownership Communities

The Council will hold a public hearing on a special appropriation of \$2,025,000 to provide short-term assistance for financially distressed, affordable common ownership communities. These funds would be used by the Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) to provide assistance to affordable common ownership communities in financial distress because of revenue lost since the start of the public health emergency declaration for Covid-19. The appropriation, which was spearheaded by Council President Sidney Katz, is sponsored by the full Council. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_10.pdf

Resolution to Urge the Maryland state lawmakers to change "Maryland, My Maryland" as the state song and urge against the song from being played at official Montgomery County events

The Council will hold a public hearing on a resolution to urge the State of Maryland to repeal and replace the state song "Maryland, My Maryland" and prohibit the song from being played at public events in Montgomery County. The full Council is sponsoring the resolution. "Maryland, My Maryland" includes lyrics that refer to President Abraham Lincoln as "the tyrant", "the despot", and "the Vandal", and to the Union as "Northern scum", as well as referring to the phrase "Sic semper tyrannis", which was the slogan later shouted by Marylander John Wilkes Booth when he assassinated Lincoln. According to Randall, the poem was a plea to his home state of Maryland to secede from the Union and join the Confederacy. The Council staff report will be available on July 20.

Resolution to place an amendment to Section 305 of the County Charter on the 2020 general election ballot

On July 21 at 7:30 p.m. the Council will hold a public hearing on a resolution to place a question on the 2020 general election ballot to amend County Charter Section 305. The proposed amendment would prohibit the Council from adopting an average weighted tax rate (per \$100 on assessed value) on real property that exceeds the average weighted tax rate (per \$100 on assessed value) on real property approved for the previous year, unless all current Councilmembers vote for the increase. If this proposed Charter amendment is approved by the voters, the Council would need a unanimous affirmative vote to raise the average weighted tax rate on real property above the current rate of \$0.9785 per \$100 of assessed value. The lead sponsors of the measure are Councilmembers Andrew Friedson, Council President Sidney Katz and Councilmember Nancy Navarro. The cosponsors include Councilmembers Gabe Albornoz, Craig Rice and Hans Riemer. The Council staff report and resolution can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_16.pdf

#PropertyTaxLimit is being used on social media.

Resolution from the County Executive to place an amendment to Section 305 of the County Charter on the 2020 general election ballot

On July 21 at 7:30 p.m. the Council will hold a public hearing on a resolution to place an amendment to Section 305 of the County Charter on the 2020 general election ballot. At the request of the County

Executive, Council President Sidney Katz introduced a resolution from the County Executive to amend Section 305 of the County Charter to:

1. limit the annual increase in the taxable value of owner-occupied residential property to not more than three percent, even though current law permits an increase of up to ten percent; and
2. prohibit the County Council from levying a tax rate on real property greater than the tax rate on real property in the prior fiscal year unless at least two-thirds (6) of the Councilmembers vote affirmatively for the increase.

This amendment would replace the current property tax limit, which requires an affirmative vote of all current Councilmembers to levy a tax on real property that would produce total revenue (not including property tax revenue from certain enumerated sources) that exceeds the total revenue produced by the tax on real property in the preceding fiscal year plus a percentage of the previous year's real property tax revenues that equals any increase in the Consumer Price Index. The Council staff report and resolution can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_17.pdf

COMMITTEES

Resolution to authorize Montgomery County to procure lines of credit to provide funds for payment of operating expenses

On July 20 at 9:30 a.m. the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GO) Committee will review a resolution to authorize Montgomery County to procure lines of credit to provide funds for payment of operating expenses. The County Executive is requesting that the Council authorize the Department of Finance to procure up to \$300 million in lines of credit to cover operating expenses. These lines of credit will provide additional coverage should the timing of certain tax receipts not align with the ongoing operational expenses of the County in fiscal year 2021. The individuals expected to participate in the meeting include the following: Michael Coveyou, director, Department of Finance (Finance); Jacqueline Carter, Finance; Karen Hawkins, Finance; Rich Madaleno, director, Office of Management and Budget; Marc Hansen, Office of the County Attorney; and Paul Shelton, bond counsel to the County Government. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2020/20200720/20200720_GO1.pdf

Expedited Bill 30-20, Administration – Executive Branch – Chief Digital Officer

The GO Committee also will review Expedited Bill 30-20, which would transfer the chief digital officer from the Office of the County Executive to the Department of Technology Services. Council President Sidney Katz is the lead sponsor, at the request of the County Executive. Fariba Kassiri, deputy chief administrative officer, is expected to attend the meeting. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2020/20200720/20200720_GO2.pdf

#ChiefDigitalOfficer is being used for this bill on social media.

Resolution to place an amendment to Section 305 of the County Charter on the 2020 general election ballot

The GO Committee will close out its meeting with a review of Resolution, Proposed Charter Amendment – Property Tax Limit – Limit Tax Rate Increases, which was introduced on July 14. Councilmember Andrew Friedson, Council President Sidney Katz and Councilmember Nancy Navarro are the lead sponsors. Councilmembers Gabe Albornoz, Craig Rice and Hans Riemer are cosponsors. The resolution is tentatively scheduled for a public hearing on July 21 and a final Council vote on July 28. The Charter amendment proposed under the resolution would prevent the Council from setting an average weighted property tax rate on real property that exceeds the rate of the prior year, unless all current Councilmembers affirmatively vote for the increase.

County Executive Elrich has also submitted a proposal to amend Section 305 of the Charter by requiring a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Council to increase the average weighted tax rate; and limit the potential increase in assessments of owner-occupied principal residences to no more than three percent for purposes of the local Homestead Tax Credit, even though current Maryland law allow for an increase of up to 10 percent.

There is a third petitioned proposal to eliminate completely the ability of the Council to override the current revenue limit under Charter Section 305. Under this proposal, the current revenue limit would remain in place. The current limit allows the Council to levy a tax that would produce the prior year's revenues (with certain exclusions, such as revenues from new construction) plus inflation.

The Council staff report can be found here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2020/20200720/20200720_GO3.pdf

I-495/I-270 Managed Lanes Study, Draft EIS

On July 20 at 2:30 p.m. the T&E Committee will review the I-495/I-270 Managed Lanes Study's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The T&E Committee has requested that Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) staff present an overview briefing of the DEIS prior to the state's public hearings, which will be held in August and early September. The individuals expected to participate in the meeting include the following: Casey Anderson, chair, Planning Board; Christopher Conklin, director, Montgomery County Department of Transportation; Shawn Eum, government liaison and communications director, MDOT; Lisa Choplin, director, I-495 & I-270 P3 Office, MDOT; Jeff Folden, deputy director, I-495 & I-270 P3 Office, MDOT; and Caryn Brookman, environmental manager for the I-495 & I-270 Managed Lanes Study. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2020/20200720/20200720_TE1.pdf

Bill 24-20, Administration - Police - Assistance Chiefs of Police

On July 23 at 9:30 a.m., the PS Committee will review Bill 24-20, which would create a non-merit civilian assistant chief of police position and rename the existing non-merit assistant chief of police positions. Council President Sidney Katz is the lead sponsor, at the request of the County Executive. The Council staff report will be available on July 20.

Executive Regulation 3-20, Assistant Chief of Police (Civilian)

The PS Committee also will review Executive Regulation 3-20, which provides a new position description for a civilian assistant chief of police position. This position would manage the administrative and operational activities for one of the five bureaus in the Montgomery County Police Department. The successful candidate will develop and implement strategies and initiatives to ensure effective service delivery of police services to residents. This position reports to the police chief. The non-merit position is nominated by the Executive and confirmed by the Council. The Council staff report will be available on July 20. The link to the regulation with the full position description can be found at:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/exec/Resources/Files/3-20.pdf>

OLO Report 9-2020, Local Policing Data and Best Practices

The PS Committee will close out its meeting with a review of OLO Report 9-2020. See page one of this document for more information. The Council staff report will be available on July 20.

Supplemental Appropriation to MCPS' FY21 Operating Budget, \$250,000 for the Mental Health Program to Support Schools

On July 23 at 1:30 p.m. the Education and Culture (E&C) and HHS Committees will review a \$250,000 special appropriation to fund mental health supports in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). See page seven of this document for more information. The Council staff report will be available on July 20.